

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An impact absorption device comprising:

~~an a cylindrically shaped~~ impact absorption member formed of an extruded material, said impact absorption member having extending along a longitudinal axis between opposing ends ~~and, said impact absorption member including an exterior wall that defines an interior volume,~~ said exterior wall having a generally circular shaped portion and a pair of end walls, said pair of end walls extending toward each other from opposite sides of said circular shaped portion, said exterior wall including a flanged portion having a center wall extending between a pair of generally parallel side walls, said flanged portion extending radially continuously outwardly from said exterior wall between said center wall and said pair of end walls;

~~a bracket removably secured to said flanged portion; and~~

~~a mounting member disposed on said bracket for mounting the said impact absorption device member~~ to an object to be protected from direct impact; and

~~a bracket removably secured to said flanged portion- coupled to said mounting member,~~ said bracket having a back wall and a pair of arms defining an opening to allow insertion of said flange portion therebetween in a direction generally normal to said longitudinal axis of said absorption member.

2. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1 wherein ~~the~~ said flanged portion extends to at least one of said opposing ends, the other of said opposing ends having a circular cross section.

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3. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1 wherein ~~the~~ said exterior wall of the said absorption member includes a plurality of elongated lobes operative to reduce surface friction upon impact with the device.

4. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1 wherein said exterior walls defines an interior volume is filled with an impact absorbent material.

5. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 4 wherein ~~the~~ said impact absorbent material is formed of polyurethane.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein said bracket is adapted to be removably secured to a plurality of impact absorption members.

8. (Currently Amended) The device of claim 1 wherein ~~said flanged portion includes a planar ridge and sidewalls, said planar ridge~~ center wall ~~having~~ includes spaced apart notches formed substantially perpendicular to a longitudinal axis of said impact absorption member and wherein said sidewalls have spaced apart apertures formed therein substantially perpendicular to said longitudinal axis.

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9. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein said mounting member attaches to the object at an end having an indentation that is complementary to a surface of the object.

10-20 (Cancelled)